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Lausanne 2010 Capetown: Prosperity Gospel (*One of three presentations on integrity*)

Femi Adelye, Nigerian scholar, with the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, addresses the so-called Success Gospel as a false gospel. He calls on the Church to repentance for preaching a false prosperity gospel.

Video Clip: (11.32 minutes) accessible at
<http://conversation.lausanne.org/en/resources/detail/11559>

3. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

TOPIC: Integrity

SEGMENT TITLE: The Prosperity Gospel – Femi Adeleye

SEGMENT DATE: 23 October 2010

SYNOPSIS WRITERS: Don MacLeod and Bill Armerding (CT2010 Globalink Team)

Nigerian author Femi Adeleye spoke of another gospel, namely the success gospel and any other understanding of Christ's Gospel that advocates obtaining more than we need. While God has promised to meet believers' needs, the success gospel seeks primarily health and wealth in this life. This false gospel takes success as evidence of God's approval and often uses pressure to get people to give financially in order to obtain blessing. Jesus never preached a prosperity gospel. He warned about desiring an abundance of material things. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is good news to the poor. Giving is an act of worship, not a way to become rich. Any gospel that is primarily about money contradicts the essence of Christ's love and concerns. Since we are all on a pilgrimage between two nakednesses we should travel light and live simply to honour our Lord.

Study questions:

1. Are there elements of how you understand the gospel that are questionable in the light of this message?
2. How does your lifestyle recommend Christian faith to others around you?

Summaries of Integrity segments...

<http://www.lausanne.org/docs/capetown2010/summaries/P223-Integrity.pdf>